

CSWC Operational Period Summary

1800 February 17 2015 to 0600 February 18 2015



Sunset on the Bay, February 2015.
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SITUATION SUMMARY

Significant Events – National

- (CNN) Texas judge blocks Obama's immigration action - A federal judge in Texas dealt a significant blow to President Barack Obama's attempt to make immigration reform an enduring part of his legacy. U.S. District Court Judge Andrew S. Hanen temporarily blocked the President's controversial executive actions on immigration —announced in November—that were meant to ease the deportation threats to millions of eligible immigrants. Hanen did not rule on the constitutional merits of the case challenged by Texas and 26 other states. But he said that Texas was able to demonstrate an injury sufficient to give it standing to sue. He also said that the administration had likely failed to comply with procedures for the way federal agencies can establish regulations. "In laymen's terms, the district court held that the Obama administration didn't give the public enough warning about the new policy, or a period to object to it before implementing it, and so violated statutory rules governing such administrative processes," said Stephen I. Vladeck, a Professor of Law at American University Washington College of law and a CNN analyst. Obama said Tuesday he's confident that the Texas court's injunction will ultimately be overruled, and is preparing to implement the order under that assumption. Immigration law expert Stephen W. Yale-Loehr, a professor at Cornell School of Law, believes Obama is likely to prevail. "Despite the anti-immigration rhetoric in the judge's 123-page opinion, the temporary injunction itself is narrow, focusing on the administration's alleged failure to follow proper procedures," he said. Tuesday's ruling is preliminary, and the programs are blocked pending trial, or action by a federal appeal court or the Supreme Court.

Significant Events – International

- (CNN) Kurds repel ISIS assault - After hours of heavy fighting, Kurdish fighters in Iraq have repelled an assault by ISIS fighters southwest of Irbil, Kurdish officials said. Kurdish commanders say ISIS fighters had threatened to overrun Kurdish defensive positions in the area for a while, and the two sides were so close that airstrikes were not possible. But by 3 a.m. local time Wednesday, the Peshmerga had succeeded in forcing ISIS back, allowing airstrikes to begin. The commanders said Kurdish forces suffered several casualties, but that many ISIS fighters were killed -- especially when airstrikes began.
- (BBC) US warns Russia on Ukraine violence - The US accuses Russia of violating the Minsk agreement on Ukraine, as the UN Security Council unanimously approves the ceasefire deal. Vice-President Joe Biden said "the costs to Russia will rise" if it continued to violate the accord. Fighting is continuing around the strategic town of Debaltseve, with pro-Russian rebels saying they now control most areas. Media reports say Ukrainian troops are withdrawing from the town. It comes after Russian President Vladimir Putin urged Ukraine's troops there to surrender.

SITUATION SUMMARY

Highly Pathogenic H5N8 Avian Influenza Confirmed in Commercial Chicken and Duck Flock, Kings County

US Department of Agriculture (USDA) and California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) have confirmed the presence of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) EA H5N8 virus in a commercial chicken and duck flock in Kings County. The virus was investigated upon after a flock was experiencing steadily increasing mortality. In response, the facility was officially quarantined and the USDA confirmed that the birds are completely enclosed with no access to the outside. Samples have been taken from infected bird houses and have been sent to the National Veterinary Services Laboratories (NVSL) who confirmed that the sequence is 99% similar to the H5N8 detected in late January.

- There are currently no requests for assistance.

King Tides

- The last round of this winter's King Tides began 02/17/15, with low tide in the afternoon to early evening hours. The excessive tide cycle will last through Thursday.

Locations

- Low lying areas along the immediate coast and bay front such as roadways, parking lots, sloughs and marshes. Coastal trails and water front sidewalks may also be impacted by the high tides. At the beaches access to narrow beaches and coves may be cut off by rising water. During low tide beaches will experience strong rips currents as the tide goes out.
 - San Francisco Bay Area: Low lying spots along the San Francisco Bay such as the Embarcadero and Bayside parking areas, as well as trails and roadways along the Bay.
 - Monterey Bay Area: Low lying spots along the Bay, marshes and river mouths, including the Watsonville Slough and Coastal Lagoons.
 - Santa Cruz: Pajaro Dunes and Dunes Colony.

Impacts

- Minor coastal flooding along the immediate coast and bay front, impacting low lying roadways and parking lots, coastal trails and water front sidewalks.
- Loss of access to narrow beaches and coves.
- Strong rip currents at beaches during low tide.

SITUATION SUMMARY

Weather of Concern

No significant Weather Watches or Warnings are in effect.

Active Weather Warnings, Watches and Advisories by County: http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/sto/brief/www_bc_cal.php

Cal EOC Incident – 2014 Drought

- SOC / Inland REOC remains activated in support of 2014 Drought

WEATHER

WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION:

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AND CENTRAL COASTAL AREAS:

Eureka Weather:

A ridge over the west coast will bring northwest California dry weather and above normal temperatures for the next few days. Along the immediate coast, expect low clouds and fog each night and morning with some clearing each afternoon. Inland, patchy valley fog is expected to form each night and last into the morning.

Medford Weather:

Tonight through Friday night, the mid-level ridge over our region is not likely to move anywhere anytime soon. For the most part conditions will remain pretty quiet over southern Oregon and northern California, with morning valley fog west of the Cascades, light winds, and mostly clear skies each day.

Reno Weather:

A ridge of high pressure will remain over northern California and Nevada through Thursday, bringing light winds and well above normal temperatures. Temperatures will turn much colder for the weekend with a slight chance of showers for some areas as the ridge retreats off the pacific coast.

San Francisco Weather:

Low clouds and near seasonable temperatures continue for the next couple of days. Offshore flow develops late Friday resulting in clear skies and above normal temperatures for the coming weekend. Dry weather to continue into next week.

WEATHER

WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION:

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA AND SOUTHERN SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY

Sacramento Weather:

Dry weather with above normal temperatures will continue through the next several days. Patchy late night and early morning fog is possible across portions of the central valley. A slight threat of showers over the sierra over the weekend as a system drops into Nevada with a good chance of breezy north winds and slightly cooler temperatures elsewhere. Lighter winds and warmer temperatures early next week.

Hanford Weather:

High pressure over California will keep dry conditions and above normal temperatures across the region through the week. Patchy fog will also be possible in the San Joaquin Valley each night into the morning hours.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:

Los Angeles Weather:

Night and morning low clouds and fog will continue along the coast and adjacent valleys into Saturday. Temperatures are forecast to be several degrees above normal through Friday especially away from the coast, then cool some on Saturday. Partly to mostly cloudy skies with seasonable temperatures are expected Sunday. Breezy offshore winds and gradually warmer temperatures should develop early next week.

Extreme Southwestern California Including Orange, San Diego, Western Riverside and Southwestern San Bernardino Counties:

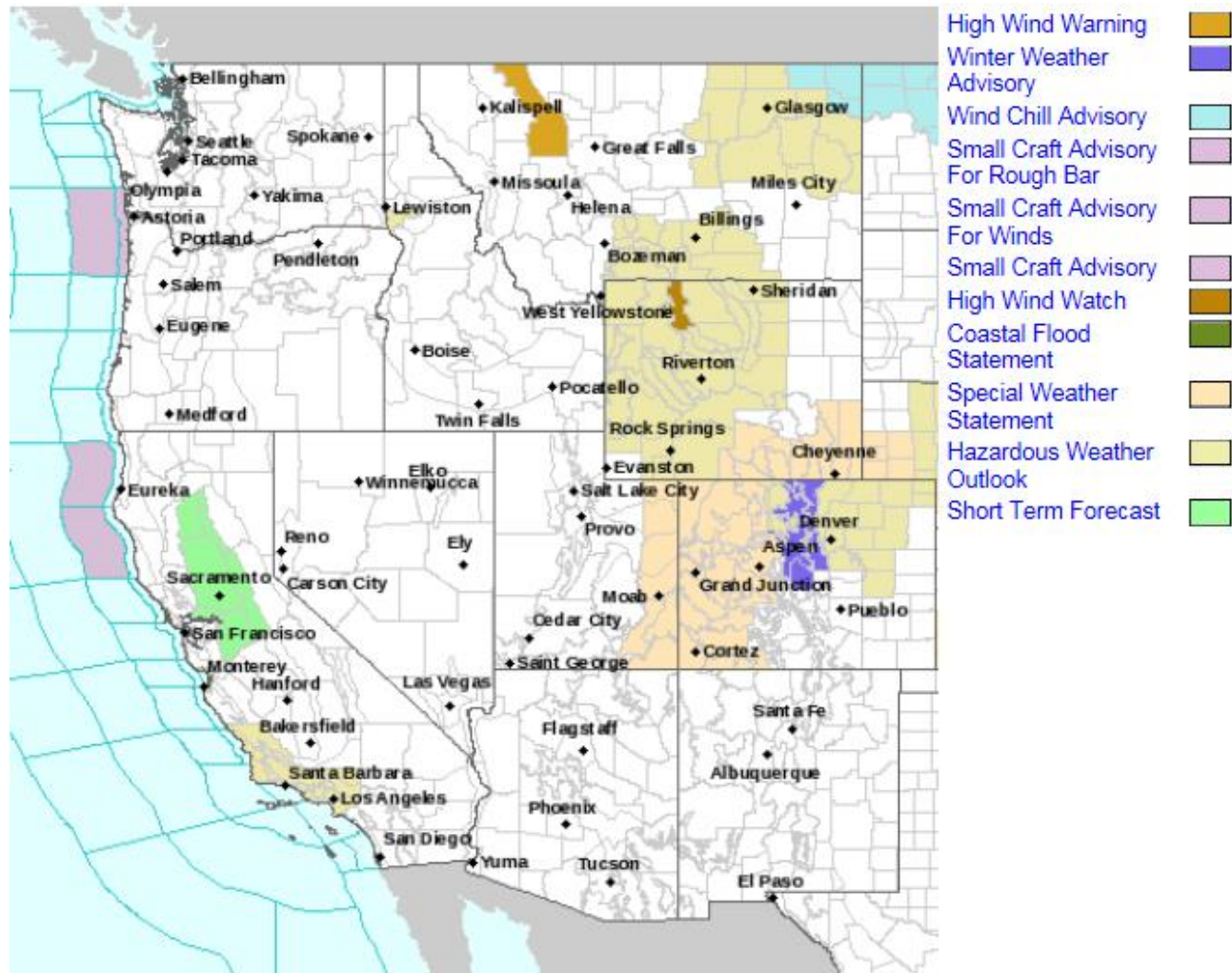
A ridge of high pressure aloft will continue to bring fair and mild weather today with night and morning low clouds and fog along the coast. Cooler Thursday into early next week as the ridge breaks down and a trough digs south through the great basin. This trough may generate some light precipitation Sunday and Monday.

Southeast California Weather:

Warming temperatures and calm conditions are expected through Thursday. The next weather system is expected to drop south across the area late Friday into this weekend bringing cooler temperatures, breezy winds and the potential for a few showers.



STATE WEATHER MAP



Last map update: Feb, 18th 2015 at 6:31:08 am MST

FIRE ACTIVITY



Preparedness Levels

National Preparedness Level 1

Northern California

Preparedness Level 1, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 1

Southern California

Preparedness Level 2, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 2

California Fire Potential & Weather Maps

Southern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential

<http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/8>

Northern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential

<http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/10>

California Fire Weather Map Watches and Warnings

<http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/firewx/main.php>

NWS California River Forecast Center:

<http://www.cnrfc.noaa.gov/>

RECOVERY ACTIVITIES

Round Fire, Inyo and Mono Counties

- Recovery Individual Assistance continues to work with Mono County on the Initial Damage Estimate.
- The American Red Cross and Salvation Army continue to offer their support services.

CAL OES 2014 DROUGHT

Cal EOC Incident – 2014 Drought

- The SOC, Inland, Coastal, and Southern REOCs and the Santa Barbara County EOC are activated in support of the Drought State of Emergency and continue to monitor the situation.
- The Governor issued an Executive Order on 09/19/14, to streamline relief efforts for families with drinking water shortages due to drought. Specifically, through the California Disaster Assistance Act, to provide temporary water supplies to households without water for drinking and/or sanitation purposes.
- CDAA 2014 Drought Fact Sheet and Frequently Asked Questions provided to Regions for reference and distribution.
- Cal OES Recovery continues to coordinate a biweekly state interagency conference call regarding drought community impacts.
- Regional (Inland, Coastal, Southern) conference calls will occur once a month beginning 02/09/15.



Mission:

We protect lives and property, build capabilities, and support our communities for a resilient California.

We achieve our mission by serving the public through effective collaboration in preparing for, protecting against, responding to, recovering from, and mitigating the impacts of all hazards and threats.